WHEREAS, Through the years, poetry has inspired and illumined man, making him conscious of his ideal self and of the world about him; and,

WHEREAS, Since pioneer days, poets of South Dakota have enriched our cultural life through their writings, books published and by the publication of a poetry magazine, PASQUE PETALS, now in its fifty-first year of continuous publication and service to our writers and readers of verse; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize that throughout our State and across the Nation, kindred interests join in observing certain dates set aside during the month of October:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 14-21, 1977, as

SOUTH DAKOTA POETRY WEEK

and the day of October 15, 1977, as

NATIONAL

PCETRY DAY

as well as

FOUNDERS' DAY

for the South Dakota State Poetry Society, which is fifty years old in this year, 1977, and urge all citizens of our State to join in appropriate celebration of the aforesaid important observances.

in WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Seventh Day of September, in the Year of Car Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Seven

RICHARD P. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE